2) Ex-servicemen/War widows.

3) Retired D.O.T. employees.

4) Women (Educated and unemployed).

5) SC/ST and other weaker sections of society.

Harnessing of Solar Energy in Rajasthan

2822. SHRI SHIV CHARAN MATHUR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is enough scope of harnessing solar energy in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details of schemes so far implemented and the amount spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Available data indicates that in many parts of Rajasthan, conditions are favourable for harnessing of solar energy.

(b) Various solar energy devices such as solar water heating systems, solar stills, solar cookers, solar street lighting systems, solar water pumping systems, solar community lighting and TV systems, small solar photovoltaic power plants, etc. have been/are being installed through Rajasthan Energy Development Agency and Rajasthan State Elecy. Board under the extension and demonstration schemes of this Deptt. An amount of Rs. 11.60 crores has so far been released for these schemes by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources.

New Connections on out of Turn in Chandigarh

2823. SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new connections sanctioned by the present Government for Chandigarh on out of turn basis;

(b) whether these have been installed;

(c) if not, the details of such connections which have not so far been installed and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to expedite the installation of these telephones at Chandigarh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A total of 134 telephone connections have been sanctioned on out of turn priority basis for Chandigarh by the present Government.

(b) to (d). Out of 134 telephone connections sanctioned, 54 have already been installed; 15 are pending for want of payment details from the applicants; and the remaining 65 cases which were sanctioned recently are under the Process of installation. All the out of turn telephone sanctions processed on priority for installation subject to technical feasibility and completion of usual departmental formalities by the applicants.

Scheme to Help the Blind

2824. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce special scheme for the blind;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount allocated for this scheme for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). During the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-93 to 1996-97) the Ministry of Welfare propose to initiate new schemes in consultation with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance.

(c). The question does not arise.

Hostel for SCs/STs in Bihar

2826. SHRI MAHENDRA BAITHA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels constructed for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in Bihar during last three years, district-wise;

(b) the number of hostels under constructions or proposed to be constructed; and

(c) the extent of financial assistance provided by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Three hostels for SCs/STs have been constructed during last three years one each in Districts of Palamau, Ranchi and Sahabganj of Bihar.

(b) 22 Girls' hostels and 47 Boys' hostels are under construction.

(c) Rs. 1,47,10,300/- under Girls' hostel Scheme and Rs. 1,41,15,000/- under Boys' hostel Scheme have been provided to the State Government during the last three years.

Scheme to Rehabilitate Displaced Persons

2827. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:
SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any scheme to rehabilitate the families displaced due to the activities of terrorists and militants in Punjab and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). It is hoped that the migrants from Kashmir and Punjab would be able to return to their original places of residence with the improvement of the situation. Their rehabilitation outside is not contemplated. The State Governments concerned however extend them relief assistance to take care of their immediate needs.

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LTTE Activities

2828. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the presence of any LTTE training camp in Tamil Nadu has come to the notice of the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE